

Re: Proceeding Number: 12-375

January 17, 2013

The cost of calls from prison is inexplicably higher than the rates available to the general public for long-distance service -- which is commonly about five cents a minute.

It would only be fair that prisoners and their families, pay a similar rate. What is not fair is for telecom companies to make profits at the expense of an impoverished and captive population. This is the worst kind of exploitation.

If there are any real additional costs involved in providing service they should be compensated AT COST. The present fees, however, are clearly not related to any actual costs.

Please take this into account as you review the pricing structure of prison phone service.